

Avila Examiner

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'Cuckoo's Nest'

Avila Features Broadway Play

The National Touring production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" was acknowledged as, "Wildly successful! A startling dramatic experience... A play of compelling nightmare force that will haunt you for a long, long time to come," by Kevin Kelly of the Boston Globe. And now Avila students and patrons will have the pleasure of viewing the touring production when it comes to Goppert Theatre on January 31 at 8 p.m.

The action centers around a jailed con man whose game plan is to have himself committed to a mental institution. With success he comes into conflict with Nurse Ratched, the hospital ward supervisor — and more than he bargained for. And in a wild series of events, the ex-con, Patrick McMurphy, is the ultimate loser.

And there are many losers; most mental patients, especially those who have the desire and potential drive to 'make it back in society.' Or are we, Society, the real losers, after all we carry the burden in the long run. McMurphy typifies the loser — the McMurphy's in mental hospitals all over have a better than fifty - fifty shot at

becoming 'normal' members of our society. Instead "ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST" depicts a tragic story, true today, about the sad shape of places where human beings suffering mental disorders, are held captive, and tranquilized. Maybe because it's easier to store bodies than attempt to treat them and restore some, even a small fraction to becoming citizens in our complex society.

"The play's virtue is that it does have a wild, errant maverick of a man fighting the establishment. This special dramatic conflict is both powerful and, in its way, oddly attractive. You feel for McMurphy and you want him to strike a blow for humanity. Even his gross and ludicrous posturing becomes appealing, if only because it shows a man against the system. This is a battle between two wills — the rouge and the bureaucrat — which during the course of the play take on the emblematic qualities of life and death. It is a play of power, worth seeing," commented Clive Barnes, New York Times critic.

Tickets go on sale January 19 at the Marian Center information desk.



Please take note, 'Cuckoo's Nest' will not last forever. When someone asks if you have seen this play, do not be in that unfortunate category of persons who reply that they have missed it."

San Mateo Times



Kemper Arena Awaits Avila



The Avila College men's basketball team will make their first-ever appearance in Kansas City's Kemper Arena on February 2 when they play host to Marymount College. The 6:00 contest will be immediately followed by a National Basketball Association game between the Kansas City Kings and Portland Trailblazers.

The Kings have offered discount tickets to Avila students and friends for this big night of basketball. Avila students may purchase tickets for the doubleheader for only

\$4.00 (a \$2.35 discount). Non-students may purchase tickets for only \$5.00.

Although this will be Avila's first appearance in Kemper Arena, the surroundings will not be strange to the Spartans from Salina, Kansas. Marymount finished 3rd in last year's N.A.I.A. national tournament by winning four of five games during the week. Marymount finished the season with a remarkable 31.3 record. They Spartans will be making their second Kemper showing of this season after drubbing William Jewell on

December 1.

The pro game, which is scheduled for 8:00, will feature the new-look Kings against the Bill Walton led Trailblazers. The Kings have dopped the one-man show image gained during the Nate Archibald days and are a relatively new club. Guards Ron Boone (an old A.B.A. refugee) and Brain Taylor (acquired in the Archibald Trade) have combined their talents to become one of the best backcourt partners in pro basketball. Boone, who has never missed a pro game

during his career, is averaging better than 20 points per game and Taylor is near the top in steals and assists.

The Kings also have a tremendous front line with Scott Wedman and new-comer Richard Washington a first round draft choice from UCLA.

Portland is led by another UCLA graduate in Walton. The big redhead is healthy for the first time in his career and is proving it by taking the Trailblazers to the top in their division in recent weeks. The

6-11 Walton is near the league lead in scoring, rebounds and blocked shots.

The evening is shaping up to be one of the most exciting in Avila's brief sports history so be sure to attend. There will be a bus leaving the campus at 5:15 for the students without transportation to the Arena. Tickets for the College-Pro doubleheader are on sale at the information booth.

opinions

Letter to the Editor

Cheerleaders Needed

Dear Editor,

The Avila women's basketball team would like to express their view on the point of having some direction of cheering at our games. We feel that we are a team representing the school as well as the men's team and deserve a little support from the cheerleading squad. We understand the fact that the men have a 20 some game schedule and the cheerleader want to cover nearly all of them, but we can't understand why the women have a 20 game schedule and the cheerleaders feel they can only cover 3 games - and these are the home games that we play directly preceding the men.

We as a team feel that we should receive more support from the cheerleading squad

or receive no support at all. This may sound hard, but it's also hard when you're out on the court giving your all and with a few minutes left to go in the agme, you notice the cheerleaders walking in the door and readying themselves to cheer as the buzzer goes off to end the game and the men to come on the floor.

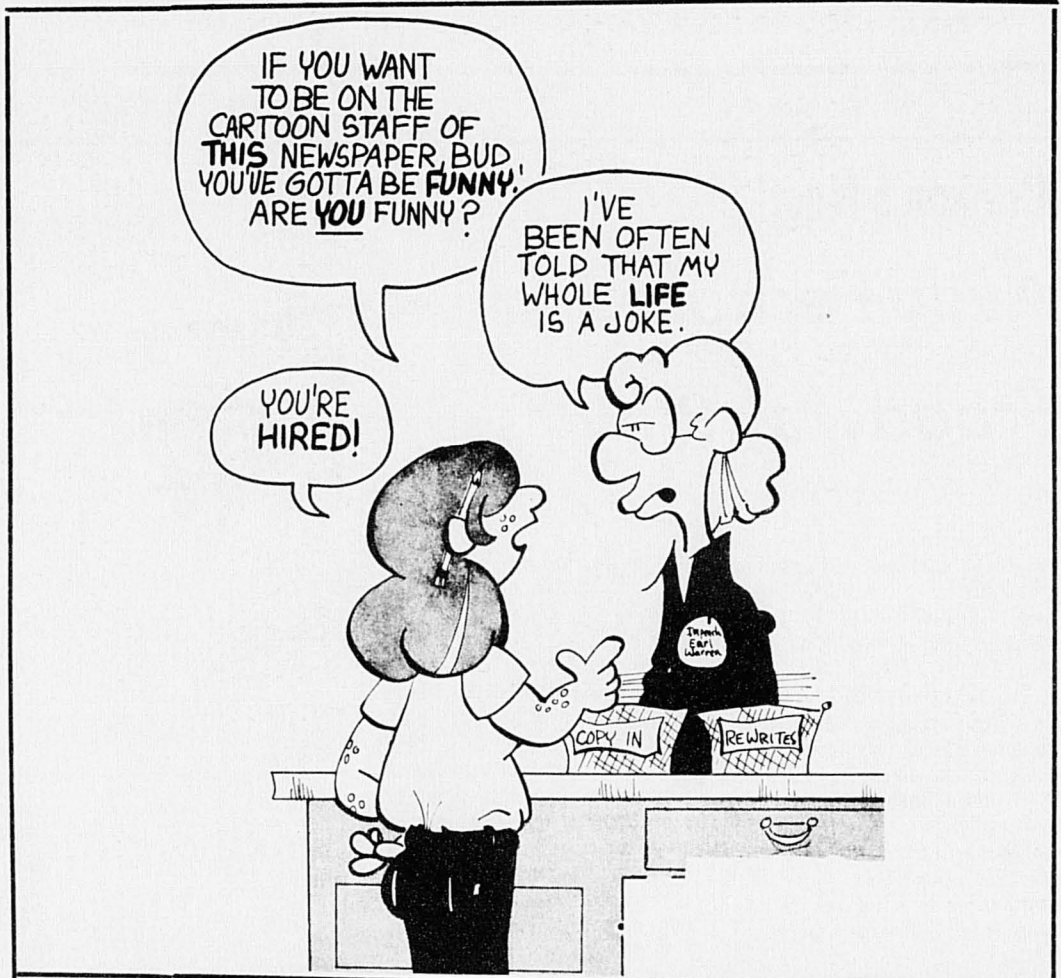
We don't mean to cause any hard feelings but we'd like to make the students aware of our feelings.

Sincerely,
Avila Women's
Basketball Team

Dear Team,

Rather than giving a response myself, I would like to encourage the cheerleaders to voice their response in our next issue.

Editor



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January 21 — Women's Basketball - Here - Avila vs. Baker - 7 p.m.

January 21 — Faculty Concert - Goppert Theatre - 8 p.m.

January 22 — Basketball - Here - Avila vs. Rockhurst - 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. - Student Library Drive Kick-off at Game

January 24 — Women's Intramural Basketball begins
January 26 — Residence Halls Theme Dinner

January 27 — Snack Bar Special - 15 cent hamburgers

January 28 — Noon Recital - Goppert Theatre

January 30 — "Jimmy C" Dinner

January 31 — Production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" - Goppert Theatre - 8 p.m.

February 2 — Pro-College special King's Night - Avila vs. Marymount - Kemper Arena - 6 p.m.

Student Exhibit - Art Gallery - through February 4.

Meeting in the Quad

By David Hodes

Here is the liberally-educated person wandering toward the buildings of knowledge. Taught to be open-minded, respectful, and above all, friendly, he has met the challenges of society equally. So when encountering another student thusly educated, there should be no strange walls between them. But something's in the way. And it takes wit and willpower to deal with the situation.

The sidewalks of the Quad are at least four feet wide. There is no real need to take any other paths to a desired southern destination. But, the old one-on-one situation inevitably comes up. We all know what that is. We're coming out of Marian and there's this other student coming out of Blasco whom we faintly know. It's too late to take the other sidewalk sweep

around the opposite side of the Quad, so the situation intensifies. With each step, we try to figure out the other person's name, strange habits to comment on, events they contributed to that might make healthy conversation, etc. — anything to relieve the embarrassing and tongue-tieing meeting. While thusly occupied mentally, there are physical diversions that can be used.

Running across the field as if being pursued is the easiest cop-out. But with rain and snow, sidewalks seem more comfortable.

Another tactic is to become suddenly interested in the middle of a book that happens to be lying on top of all the other books we are holding. The interest could be heightened into acute study when the appropriate time comes.

A method that seems the most commonly used is counting flaws in the sidewalk. Such things as smashed wads of gum, cracks, and small weeds provide a compact field of interest.

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Avila

The fun and friendships made will override the absence of pay.

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Integration

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Commuting 101

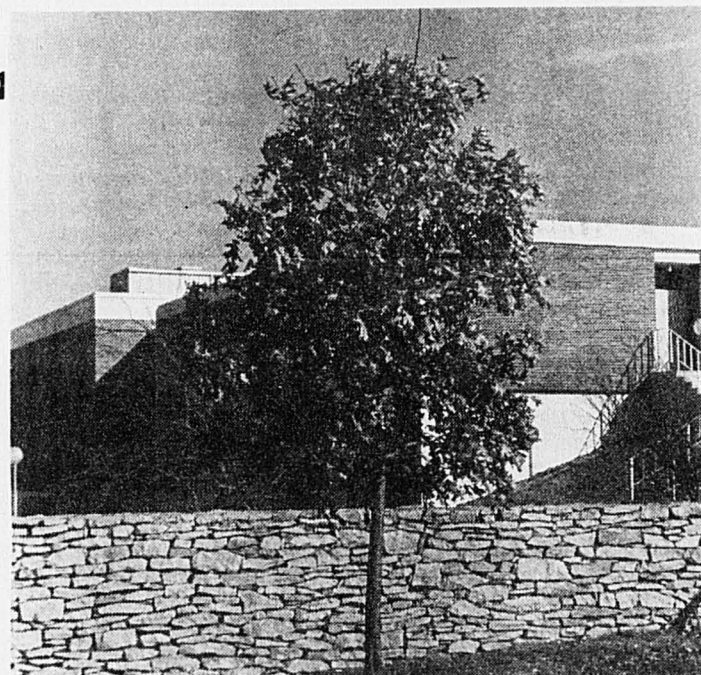
(photo by Mary Prigel)

Pieces of Avila

Every semester as students return, Classes begin, and homework piles start to thicken; Avila becomes a community. A community with a flavor much like every college campus, yet with a taste of its own;

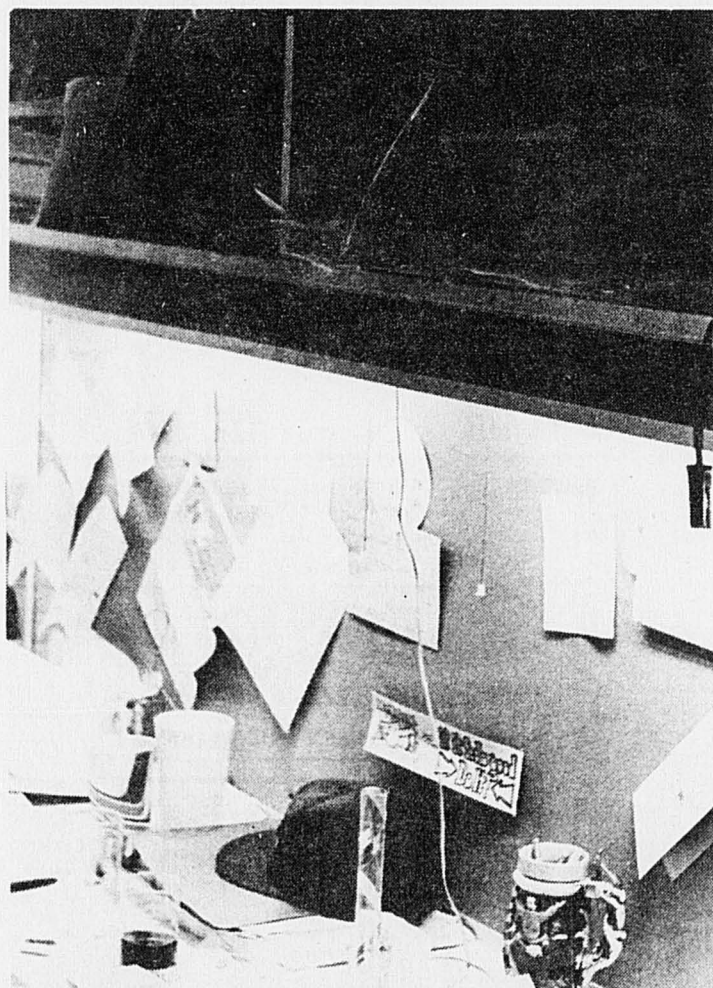
students integrating schoolbook facts with the realities of the outside world, residence halls sometimes taking on the appearance and feeling of cell blocks, commuters coping with the search for hidden parking spaces, nature, new students, and library construction combining to exemplify growth, and Avila scholars slowly opening the door to individual success.

A very special community where people can take the time to grow, to learn, and to enjoy all of God's gifts; That's Avila!



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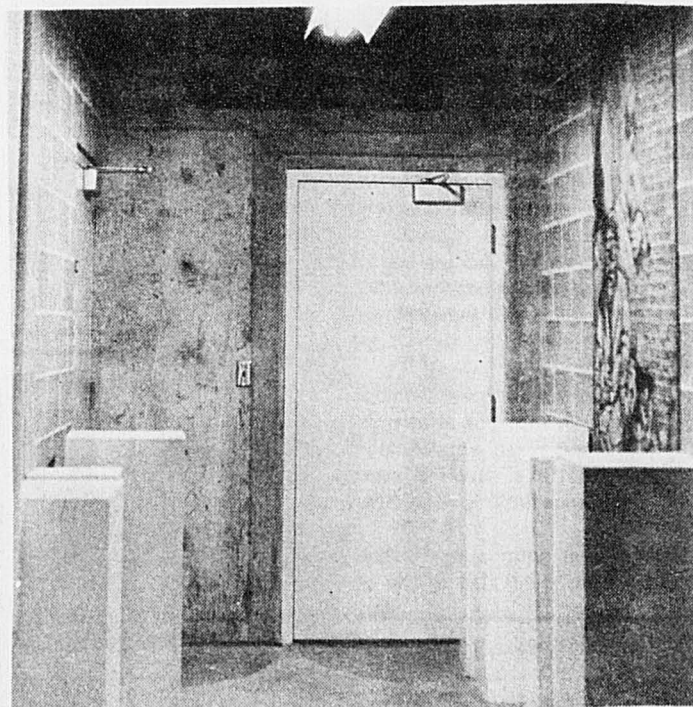
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Intramurals Begin

January 24th is the first night of competition for the Avila College Women's Intramural Basketball Program. Although we hope to have the schedule fairly well completed by press time, should you have a group of 7 to 10 Avila women who would like to compete in this friendly round of challenges, please see Tom Lease in the Student Life Office as soon as possible. Games are played weeknights at 9 p.m. at the Loretta High School gymnasium. The tournament style schedule will continue through the end of February, with the winning team choosing their own logo and design for custom made tee-shirts.

Bucks for Books

"Buttons, buttons, whose got the buttons?"

"Button up your overcoat . . ."

"Get on your button-Buy a button"

"Buttons, a farthing a pair . . .!"

"Be known, if you can for pre-eminence in one thing, even if it be the buying of a button."

"Get on the button!"

"Have you got all your buttons?"

"What in heavens name is going on? -Posters proclaiming the importance of a button? Does this mean we should buy new buttons and sew them on our overcoats? If I buy a button may I consider my title changed from "Mr." or "Ms." to "Your Pre-eminence"? What is a farthing? Where do I get one to buy these mysterious buttons. And after reading the poster "Have you got all your buttons?" I am really starting to wonder if I do or if those who printed up those posters do?!"

This button and the campaign behind it unleashes the student efforts in raising money for the library in the coming months. This button finally releases to the long awaited public the slogan for the student fund drive, "Bucks for Books".

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However, in all these diversionary tactics, there are problems.

While looking into the middle of a book, it is almost always true that the wind will catch the pages of the book and flutter them hundreds at a time. Suddenly, we are caught in our own game of illusion, and desperately try to find the page that we were supposedly reading, just to make the meeting smoother. Sometimes, this frantic pursuit ends up in the bobbling of all our books. These finally crash to the sidewalk just as we meet the other student and just as the wind picks up. The result is that we are left chasing notes across the Quad and entertaining any other student who might be walking to or from classes.

Examining flaws in the sidewalk can have its moments, too. The worst possible thing that could happen would be to actually run into the person we expected to pass. There is no need or remedy for this situation.

Salutations also have a place of concern in this one-on-one encounter.

After deciding the appropriate way to meet someone, it is now necessary for us to decide what to say to them. If it's someone we know well, there's usually no problem. If it's someone we have a class with every

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, there's still enough in common to administer proper conversation. But if it's a person whom we faintly know, then there's a problem.

A simple "hi" is usually admissible. A nod of the head is also fine, although a little more impersonal. A sneeze or a belch are poor responses, and are usually met with hostility.

Mistaking a person's name is the worst. This leads to a bad reflection on our character. The best cover-up for that is to blurt out a one-syllable something and hope that the other person believes it to be their name. However, if we're caught in this cheap trick, it can be a severe blow to our ego.

So, with a vast knowledge of sociology, philosophy, art, English, science or history, we still have at least one or two major experiences a day to deal with. The meeting is a face-to-face test of our learned values. With proper tutoring and field trips, this situation should never gain the magnitude of, say, a one-on-one in the tunnels. But if the wind was never blowing, or if sidewalks were never flawed, or if people realized that four feet is plenty of room for two people at once, then what fun would college be?

Support Staff Produces Team Effort

What is a Support Staff? Is it a bird, a plane, or a new kind of panty hose? How about none of the above! It is the "backbone" of the Student Affairs Division; secretaries working together to help students whenever and wherever possible.

Each secretary within the Student Affairs Division is a team member of the Support Staff. Presently the Support Staff consists of the following members:

Ginnie Boyle, Part-Time Secretary to the Director of Counseling and Related Services;

Louise Choen, Part-Time Secretary to the Director of Financial Aid;

Sandi Jacobs, Secretary to the Director of Student Life Activities;

Helen Kennedy, Part-Time Word Processing Specialist — Admission Office;

Carol Illy, Assistant to the Dean of Students and Coordinator of the Support Staff;

Marilyn Paine, Admission Secretary.

Perhaps currently enrolled students have met all or one of the above Support Staff members. In the case of new students, the Support Staff may be that important first impression of Avila the students receive. The Support Staff is an important part of the Student Affairs Division and in many ways helps implement the "we care" attitude of the College. The Support Staff is geared to offering a friendly, positive approach to student's needs, and in many instances acts as the liaison between the student body and the Administrative Offices.

The Support Staff meets weekly to offer and share ideas-suggestions on improving the office procedures and functions of the Student Affairs Division. The Support Staff works together in a team effort and is geared to helping the Student Affairs offices function more effectively in order to better facilitate the ever-changing needs of the Avila student.

As a means to better serve the student, one of the main goals of the Support Staff is to train each member in all office functions of the Student Affairs Division. By implementing this type of training program, each Student Affairs secretary will be more knowledgeable of Student Personnel functions within the Avila community thereby benefiting the student with "total" service.

Along the same lines, some of the Student Affairs offices have either changed or updated their present filing system as a result of Support Staff efforts. The biggest change in a filing system has been in the Financial Aid

providing faster, more efficient service.

Even though the Support Staff is mainly geared to function within the Student Affairs Division, it also tries to be involved in other areas of

the campus community. In December, each Support Staff member participated in the "support Staff Holiday Refreshment Hour" by preparing home-made goodies for the entire campus to enjoy.

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